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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Grdina *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/523,886

Filed: March 13, 2000

For: A METHOD FOR PROTECTION
AGAINST TUMOR METASTASIS
FORMATION

Group Art Unit: 1633

Examiner: Chen, S.

Atty. Dkt. No.: ARCD:318US

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 23, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2001 for which the three-month date for response is November 23, 2001. A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. The two month extention will bring the due date to January 23, 2002, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request of fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10006736/GNS.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.